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## Surprise Server at Soup Kitchen

**HELPING HAND:** First lady Michelle Obama hands out meals during her visit to Miriam's Kitchen in Washington on Thursday. Obama's visit to the soup kitchen located several blocks from the White House was designed to bring attention to organizations that aid the homeless. She said the need for their services has grown even more due to the ongoing economic downturn.

## Mortgage Woes Hit New High

Economic downturn spurs a record rate of foreclosures

**NEW YORK** | Foreclosures are spreading by epidemic proportions, expanding beyond a handful of problem states and now affecting almost 1 in every 8 American homeowners.

It's an economic role reversal: The economy, driven down by the collapse of the housing bubble, is causing the housing crisis to spread.

Figures released Thursday show that nearly 12 percent of all Americans with a mortgage — a record 5.4 million home owners — were at least one month late on payments or in foreclosure at the end of last year.

That's up from 10 percent at the end of the third quarter, and up from 8 percent at the end of 2007. In addition, the numbers now include many once-qualified borrowers who took out fixed-rate loans.

Data from the Mortgage Bankers Association also showed that a stunning 48 percent of home owners who have subprime, adjustable-rate mortgages are behind on their payments or in foreclosure.

"It's jobs. People are losing their jobs left and right," said Houston real estate agent Michael Weaster. J.W. ELPHINSTONE (AP)



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# eyeOpeners

## SCHOOLING

### Driven to Infraction

A Loudoun County, Va., school bus driver has been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor after she allegedly offered students cash to throw snowballs at a 13-year-old boy. The woman was arrested Wednesday. Police say the 34-year-old woman interjected herself into a verbal tussle between two students. Police said the driver got on the bus' PA system and offered varying amounts of money to students to either throw snowballs at the 13-year-old or stuff snow down his shirt. Several students did throw snowballs at the boy, who was not seriously injured. (AP)



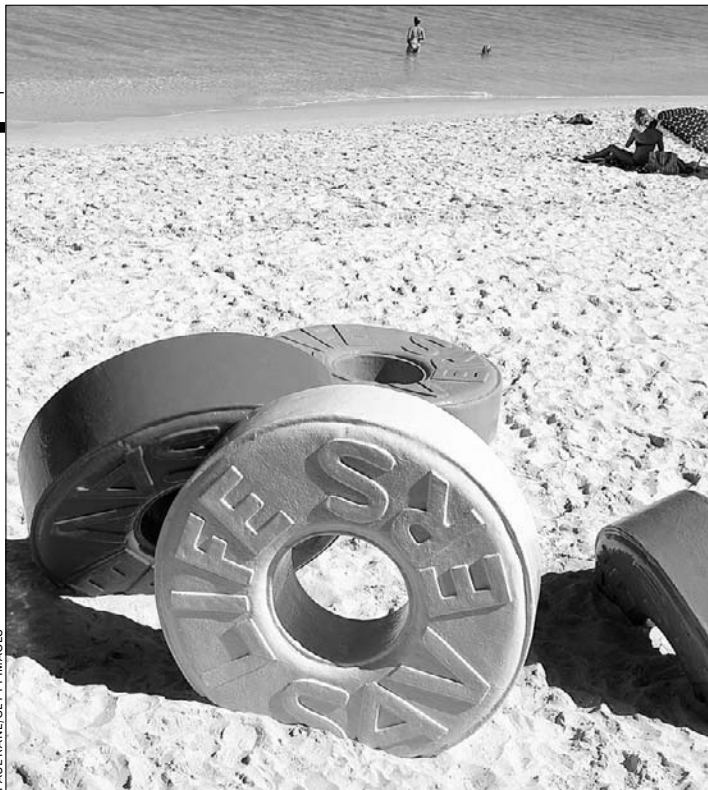
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### Orange Cones More Effective Deterrents

Authorities said a man intentionally ran over another man who was trying to save a parking spot at a Florida gas station on Monday. The victim was standing in a spot to reserve it for his wife at the

Murphy USA gas station. The man saving the spot told deputies that he held up his hands when another man pulled up to the line, but the man drove forward and hit him in the knees. When the victim yelled at the man to stop, authorities said, the suspect pulled forward and hit the man again, causing bruising and swelling. (AP)

PAUL KANE/GETTY IMAGES



## PUBLIC ART

### Sandy Candy

Every year, crowds gather on Cottesloe Beach in Western Australia to see Sculpture by the Sea, a collection of sculptures displayed in the open air. This year, artists Denis Pepper and Brooke Zeligman decided to construct giant pieces of Life Savers candy — the piece is creatively titled "Lifesavers." Let's just hope no poor shipwrecked mariners see this exhibit from the ocean and get their hopes up. They're not delicious candy, guys, let alone flotation devices. (EXPRESS)

## CRIMINALS

### Hit, Run and Return

Police in New Hampshire say they arrested a car thief as he tried to sneak onto an impound lot to get items from

the vehicle. Police in Salem, N.H., were chasing the man Tuesday night when he crashed the car and got away. Massachusetts authorities called Wednesday with a tip that the suspect, 29-year-old Nathan Morton of Atkin-

son, N.H., planned to try to retrieve some things from the impounded car. Police parked the car near an outbuilding, and an officer hidden inside saw Morton approach from woods behind the police station. (AP)

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**FORWARD MOTION:** Winter is (finally) almost over, so it's time to lose some sleep. Daylight-saving time begins Sunday at 2 a.m., so all clocks should be set forward one hour for some extra sunshine in the evenings.



# Nation

## In Brief



Barbara Bush, 83, had heart surgery.

### HOUSTON

#### Barbara Bush Recovering From Major Heart Surgery

Former first lady Barbara Bush was making "an excellent recovery" following 2½-hour heart surgery to replace her aortic valve and was joking with hospital staff, her lead surgeon said Thursday. Bush, 83, was expected to be released from the intensive care unit at the Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center on Saturday, Dr. Gerald Lawrie said. Her husband, former president George H.W. Bush, said "she looks well to me, and beautiful." (AP)

### WASHINGTON

#### Gupta Pulls Out of Running For U.S. Surgeon General

CNN says medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta won't be the next surgeon general. The Obama administration confirmed that Gupta, a neurosurgeon, had taken himself out of the running because he wants to focus on his career and his family. Gupta was widely seen as President Obama's first pick for the job. (AP)

# Obama Kicks Off Health Care Push

President says reform is crucial to country's future and cannot wait

WASHINGTON | President Obama launched a campaign Thursday to reform health care in the United States by the end of this year, telling a White House summit on the issue that that fixing the troubled system is "no longer just a moral imperative; it is a fiscal imperative."

Joined by lawmakers, health industry executives and a handful of "average Americans," Obama vowed to press for legislation this year that dramatically expands insurance coverage, improves health care quality and reins in skyrocketing medical costs.

"The same soaring costs that are straining families' budgets are sinking our businesses and eating



President Obama, accompanied by firefighter Travis Ulerick, right, of Dublin, Ind., speaks at the White House summit on health care reform Thursday in Washington.

up our government's budget, too," Obama said.

In closing Thursday's four-hour

bipartisan gathering, Obama later said a consensus had emerged "that the need for health care reform is

here and now."

Obama rejected "the notion that we're taking on too much" in the midst of an economic crisis and two foreign wars, and that "we should put this off for another day." He told the audience, "When times were good, we didn't get it done. ... There's always a reason not to do it. And it strikes me that now is exactly the time for us to deal with this problem."

The president added, "The status quo is the one option that's not on the table."

He said that while everyone has a right to participate in the discussion, "no one has the right to take it over and dominate." And he warned that "those who seek to block any reform at all, any reform at any cost, will not prevail this time around." CECI CONNOLLY AND WILLIAM BRANIGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Gandhi Items Sold in N.Y.C Auction

Seller says he's had a change of heart, wants to call off \$1.8M deal

NEW YORK | An Indian conglomerate paid \$1.8 million at an auction Thursday for a trove of Mohandas Gandhi's personal items, including his eyeglasses, pocket watch and the bowl from which he ate his final meal. The sale went through despite the seller's trying to with-



These glasses owned by Mohandas Gandhi were sold at auction Thursday.

draw at the last minute.

The Indian government had protested the sale of the items, saying they should be returned to the nation. The seller and the government could not work out a deal, and the auction went forward as planned.

But the self-identified owner, California art collector James Otis, told reporters outside the Antiquorum Auctioneers that he wanted to keep the items. Meanwhile, Jus-

tice Department officials served an Indian court injunction on the auction house, blocking it from releasing the items.

Toni Bedi, an executive of the Indian company UB Group, had the winning bid after a furious four minutes in which the offers raced up to \$1.8 million.

The lot included Gandhi's wire-rim eyeglasses, worn leather sandals, a pocket watch, and a brass bowl and plate. Otis on Thursday said it was his "deepest hope" that he would get the items back.

RICHARD PYLE (AP)



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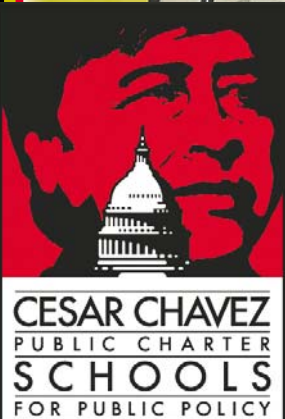
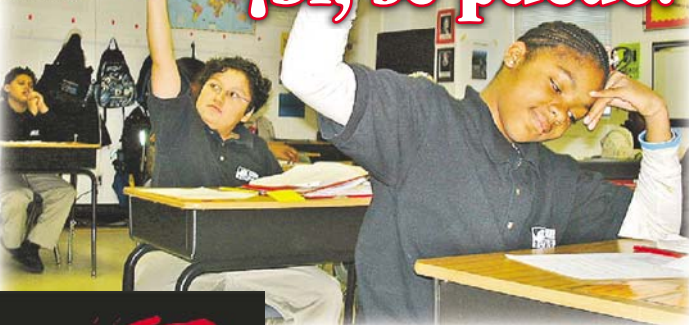
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Doug Williams holds a rainbow flag, a symbol of gay pride, during a rally Thursday in San Francisco against Proposition 8.

# Prop 8 Challenged in Court

## Calif. Supreme Court hears arguments over ban on gay marriage

SAN FRANCISCO | As thousands demonstrated outside Thursday, California Supreme Court justices weighed whether voters' decision to ban same-sex marriage was a denial of fundamental rights or within what one justice called the people's "very broad powers" to amend the state constitution.

Gay rights advocates are urging the court to overturn the ban, approved in November as Propo-

sition 8, on the grounds it was put before voters improperly, or at least prematurely. Under state law, the Legislature must approve significant constitutional changes before they can go on the ballot.

Proposition 8's sponsors, represented in court by former White-water prosecutor Kenneth Starr, argue that the ballot initiative was approved correctly. They argued it would be a miscarriage of justice for the court to overturn the results.

The ballot initiative, which passed with 52 percent of the vote, changed the California Constitution to trump last year's 4-3 Supreme

Court decision that legalized gay marriage. The court found that denying same-sex couples the right to wed was an unconstitutional civil rights violation.

Justice Joyce Kennard said the court was being asked to decide between two rights — the right of the people to change the constitution and the right to marry.

"And what I'm picking up from the oral argument in this case is this court should willy-nilly disregard the will of the people," she said.

The Supreme Court's seven justices have 90 days to issue a ruling. (AP)

# NASA Craft to Look for 'Other Earths'

## Telescope will measure conditions of 100,000 stars for 3 1/2 years

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | NASA will soon be on the lookout for possible Earths in one faraway corner of the galaxy.

A planet-hunting spacecraft, named Kepler after the German astrophysicist, will rocket away from Cape Canaveral Friday night.

The telescope will spend 3½ years staring at roughly 100,000 stars, measuring their brightness and any winks in the light that



This artist's rendition from NASA shows the planet-hunting Kepler telescope.

might signify orbiting planets.

"We certainly won't find E.T., but we might find E.T.'s home by

looking at all of these stars," Bill Boruki, Kepler's principal scientist, said Thursday.

Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for science, stressed Kepler's importance.

"It very possibly could tell us that Earths are very, very common ... or it could tell us that Earths are really, really, really rare," Weiler said.

Kepler will be scouting for Earth-size planets circling stars in the so-called habitable or Goldilocks zone. That's where planets are neither too close nor too far from their star, and where conditions could be ripe for liquid water on the surface. (AP)



**HAPPY DEAL:** An 11-year-old British boy earned \$11,500 through the sale of his 5,000-piece McDonald's memorabilia collection at an auction Wednesday. Luke Underwood's collection included posters, Happy Meal boxes, toys and promotional displays.



## World



Israeli police inspect a construction vehicle after its driver was fatally shot.

### Driver Is Fatally Shot After Crash In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM | A Palestinian man commandeered a construction vehicle Thursday on a major road and swung a police car into the air, smashing it against a bus before bystanders opened fire on him and police fatally shot him.

The incident, the third of its kind in the past year, came a day after the latest U.S. visit to push Israel's hawkish future leaders into another try at Mideast peacemaking.

The two officers inside the police car escaped with slight injuries, police said. The bus, which was parked at an intersection, was empty.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld identified the driver as Mar'i al-Rdaidah, a 26-year-old from east Jerusalem. It wasn't clear whether the man was affiliated with a militant group, Rosenfeld said.

AMY TEIBEL (AP)

## U.S. Mulls Afghan Talks With Iran

Clinton proposes U.N. conference that would set out common goals

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton proposed on Thursday a high-level international conference on Afghanistan to be sponsored by the United Nations and attended by a wide range of countries including Pakistan and possibly Iran.

Clinton presented the proposal

at a NATO foreign ministers' meeting, at which she said the session could be held March 31 and led by the U.N.'s special representative for Afghanistan, Kai Eide of Norway, who was appointed to improve coordination of international civilian assistance to Kabul.

She said discussions were under way with the U.N. on possibly having U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon open the conference.

"We hope that this meeting could provide an opportunity to reach a

common set of principles, perhaps embodied in a chairman's statement, on a common way forward," she said, according to prepared text released by her staff.

At a news conference later, Clinton said: "It is expected that Iran would be invited as a neighbor of Afghanistan."

She described the conference as "a way to bring all the stakeholders and interested parties together" while stressing that it so far is only a proposal.

NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said at a news conference that the proposed conference could be seen as a "big tent meeting" that would include a wide range of parties with an interest in stabilizing Afghanistan and preventing it from again serving as a haven for al-Qaeda.

The meeting would add a new dimension to international diplomatic efforts in Afghanistan, which until now have had limited contributions from Iran. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

## Expulsions Worry Darfur Refugees

U.N. warns millions will suffer after Sudan kicks out 13 charities

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | Even before Sudan's president expelled aid groups from Darfur after an international warrant seeking his arrest, diarrhea was spreading among newcomers at one of its largest refugee camps and people waited hours in line for water.

The picture at the Zamzam Camp grew even bleaker Thursday when no aid workers showed up, leaving residents to figure out how they would get life-sustaining goods from sorghum seeds to running water and tents for the influx of new refugees.

"We are very concerned," said Ibrahim Safi, 34, one of 75,000 resi-



People line up for a measles vaccination by Medecins Sans Frontieres in Lieth, Sudan, in 2008. Thirteen major aid organizations have been expelled from Sudan.

dents at the camp. "After God, we only have the organizations."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday that Sudan's

expulsion of 13 major aid organizations will cause "irrevocable damage" to humanitarian operations in Darfur and called on the

### NO LONGER WELCOME

A few of the 13 international charities working in Darfur expelled by Sudan's government:

→ **CARE INTERNATIONAL**, which is a key food distributor in Darfur.

→ **MERCY CORPS-US**, which trains health workers and builds schools in the region.

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government to urgently reconsider its decision.

Catherine Bragg, the U.N.'s deputy emergency relief coordinator, said the organizations provide "at least half" of the aid in Darfur.

"With the loss of these NGOs, 1.1 million people will be without food aid, 1.1 million will be without health care, and over 1 million will be without potable water," she said.

SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

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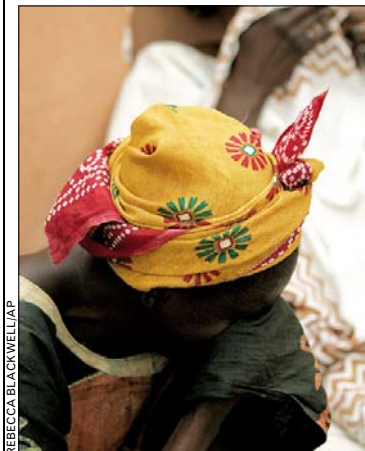
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## World



A friend of the assassinated Guinea-Bissau president mourns Thursday.

# Collapse Deepens In Bissau

Apathy surrounds slaying of president in drug-wracked nation

BISSAU, GUINEA-BISSAU | The blood-soaked kitchen where Guinea-Bissau's president was murdered is littered with broken glass, bullet casings and a rusted machete.

No one has been arrested, and hardly anyone in this sleepy tropical capital seems to care.

The apathy surrounding the slaying of President Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira symbolizes how far this drug-wracked state has fallen.

"What are we supposed to do, cry? Demand justice?" asked journalist Zique Choaib, 41. "The powerful people at the top have been fighting each other for decades."

Less than 24 hours after the brutal slayings Monday, market stalls were open, people were back in the streets and the city's dilapidated fleet of taxis was again cruising the potholed roads.

Vieira governed from his own modest home. The presidential palace has been uninhabitable since its roof was blown apart in fighting a decade ago. Today, it lies neglected — much like this extraordinarily undeveloped nation.

When asked about Vieira's fate, student Abenague Camara, 20, said, "We're more concerned with finding something to eat." TODD PITMAN (AP)

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## Local



The Old Georgetown Board approved this design for an Apple store on M Street. The board ordered the computer company to redraw plans four times previously.

## Georgetown OKs Apple Store Plan

### Architectural board embraces company's new building design

Apple is on its way to Georgetown.

An architectural review board Thursday embraced the computer company's revised plans for a store it plans to open on Wisconsin Avenue.

The Old Georgetown Board's approval came after it had ordered Apple to redraw plans four previous times, primarily because the building it envisioned did not conform with the federal-style structures in the area.

Apple's new design includes a paneled glass storefront that echoes the entrances to neighboring properties.

"The project has gotten a lot better," David Cox, one of the board's

three members, told Karl Backus, Apple's architect. "I applaud your efforts."

The board's resistance to Apple's previous submissions had won a measure of support from residents and preservationists. But it also stirred vociferous opposition from residents, business owners and local political leaders eager for the company to open a store in the District.

Apple still needs to win the support of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, although it is unusual for the commission to overturn the Old Georgetown Board, which it oversees.

An Apple representative at the meeting said no timetable has been established for when the company would begin construction or when the store would open. PAUL SCHWARTZMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Md. Senate OKs Death Row Limits

### Governor's attempt to end executions in the state is rebuffed

The Maryland Senate voted 34-13 Thursday for a bill that would tighten evidence standards in death penalty cases, rebuffing Gov. Martin O'Malley's effort to repeal capital punishment this year.



O'Malley

Supporters cast the measure, which now goes to the House of Delegates, as a compromise on an emotional issue that would reduce the possibility of executing an innocent person while still allowing the death penalty in egregious cases.

The bill would prohibit death sentences based solely on eyewitness testimony and require either biological or DNA evidence, videotaped confessions or videotaped crimes.

"It raises the bar," said Sen. Robert A. Zirkin, D-Baltimore County, a chief architect of the measure, who acknowledged he is very conflicted about death sentences. "It's not everything for every side."

O'Malley, a Catholic long opposed to capital punishment, had sought a full repeal of Maryland's death penalty, arguing that the death penalty is costly, not a deterrent to violent crime and beneath the dignity of a civilized society.

JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Hot Lotto (Wed.)	1-4-8-13-18 (15)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	7-1-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-1-4
Mid-day Pick 4	1-6-8-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-4-4-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-7-14-17-24 Bonus: 3
Lotto (Wed.)	2-14-16-24-26-28

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	1-0-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-7-3
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	8-1-6-6

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-4-2-6
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	3-5-8-20-29
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	10-24-25-30-32
Win for Life (Wed.)	9-12-18-33-41-42

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## Money



General Motors Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner is trying to lead the  
 company through the worst climate for selling automobiles in the U.S. in 27 years.

## Auditors Say GM Near Bankruptcy

Report says there is  
 'substantial doubt' that  
 company can survive

DETROIT | Of all the words in General Motors Corp.'s 402-page annual  
 report, none is more jarring than  
 two written by the company's auditors:  
 "Substantial doubt."

The doubt, according to Deloitte  
 & Touche LLC, is about whether GM  
 can overcome its staggering losses  
 and generate enough cash to stay  
 in business, or remain a "going concern"  
 as accountants would say.

GM concedes in the report filed  
 Thursday that it's on the edge of  
 bankruptcy and won't be able to  
 avoid it unless it gets more govern-  
 ment money and successfully ex-  
 ecutes a huge restructuring plan.

It's no surprise that auditors  
 would question GM's viability.  
 The Detroit-based behemoth lost  
 \$30.9 billion last year, is living on  
 \$13.4 billion in government loans,  
 and is seeking up to \$30 billion  
 more in funding as it tries to survive  
 the worst auto sales in 27 years.

But the auditors' comments are  
 serious because the threshold for

### GENERAL MALAISE

Stock in General Motors has fallen  
 precipitously in the past year.  
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March 5, 2009

**\$1.86** per share

**\$82 BILLION**

The amount the automaker  
 has lost in the past three years as  
 its sales have plummeted.

raising such concerns is tilted heavily  
 in favor of companies, and often  
 they can negotiate them away, said  
 John Pottow, a University of Michi-  
 gan Law School professor who spe-  
 cializes in bankruptcy.

"If you get a qualified going  
 concern audit letter like this,  
 that suggests you are in extreme  
 financial distress," Pottow said.

TOM KRISHER (AP)



**SWENGALI**

**Next Target?** Should the Redskins make a push for T.O. after he was cut by the Cowboys? It makes almost too much sense. | **11**

# Sports Weekend



Maryland seniors Kristi Toliver and Marissa Coleman are all smiles after a win over Boston College on Feb. 27. Maryland won its first ACC regular-season championship in 20 years and could be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament later this month.

## One to Watch

### Top-seeded Terrapins focus on ACC tourney before the Big Dance

**TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS** | It's been only three years since Maryland won the national championship. But when the ACC tournament opened in Greensboro, N.C., this week, the Terrapins were the No. 1 seed for the first time in 20 years.

They sealed the deal on Sunday with a victory over Miami and enter the conference tournament on a nine-game winning streak and with the same confidence that brought them that national title.

"We did it together each and

every game, built momentum and played together as a team throughout the course of the season through some adversity, and I'm so proud," coach Brenda Frese said.

**"I don't think you can count on anything, because you're not in that room with the selection committee."**

MARISSA COLEMAN, ON THE TERPS' TOURNAMENT ODDS

After a first-round bye, Maryland will play No. 9 seed Wake Forest on Friday.

Though this year's squad features only two players who were pivotal parts of the 2005 national title team — seniors Kristi Tol-

iver and Marissa Coleman — the Terps are full of the swagger that comes from acquitting themselves well in one of the college basketball's top conferences.

And they're full of the humility, which Frese always preaches, that allows them to maintain perspective and work ethic.

When asked whether top status in the ACC put them in position for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament,

Coleman was careful to point out that the focus hasn't yet turned to the national tournament. "I don't think you can count on anything, because you're not in that room with the selection committee," she said.

Though Toliver (18.1 points per game) and Coleman (17.1 ppg) lead the way, Maryland's underclassmen provide valuable balance. In the regular-season finale, the Terrapins had five players score in double figures and two more with nine points. Junior transfer Demauria Liles averages more than eight rebounds per game in the post, and freshman center Lynetta Kizer averages more than seven. Marah Strickland complements Toliver as a threat beyond the 3-point line.

"We play so well together as a team that at any given moment you know the ball is always moving and it's going to find you," Strickland said. **DEREK TURNER**

**HOUSING** | **Yours for Manny Dollars** Manny Ramirez is severing one of his last ties to Boston. The former Red Sox outfielder put his Boston penthouse condominium on the market for \$8.5 million on Wednesday, the same day he agreed to a \$45 million deal with the



Los Angeles Dodgers. Michael Doherty of City Life Real Estate, the listing broker for the 37th-floor condominium at the Residences at the Ritz-Carlton, tells the Boston Herald it's the "most magnificent apartment" in the city. Ramirez paid \$5.8 million for the condo in 2001. (AP)

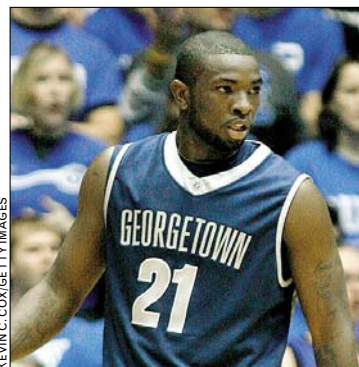


### friday

**1 P.M.** A rare chance to watch the Nationals this spring when they face the Orioles, who just topped the Dominican Republic in an exhibition. MASN

**8 P.M.** The Boston Celtics face the Cleveland Cavaliers in a game that could help determine the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference. ESPN

**8:30 P.M.** The Wizards' road trip moves to Texas for a showdown with the San Antonio Spurs. CSN



Jessie Sapp is the lone senior on the disappointing Hoyas team this season.

### saturday

**3:30 P.M.** The Maryland men's basketball team is in a must-win situation against Virginia in the regular-season finale for both squads. ABC

**5 P.M.** Jessie Sapp has his moment on Senior Day as the Georgetown men's basketball team concludes a disappointing regular-season against DePaul. MASN

**8:30 P.M.** The Wizards stay in the Lone Star State to face the Dallas Mavericks. CSN

### sunday

**1 P.M.** The Maryland women's basketball team hopes to be in the ACC tournament final. CSN

**1:30 P.M.** Kyle Busch will drive for a second-straight win when NASCAR invades Atlanta for Kobalt Tools 500. Fox

**3 P.M.** Will Alex Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby spar again when the Washington Capitals face the Pittsburgh Penguins? CSN



# Washington's Road Work

## Wizards hope young players learn from trips' bumps, bruises

**WIZARDS** | The road trip is part of American culture.

You pile into a car with one too many of your friends and drive to some random or vacation destination, or until an OPEC hike forces you to turn around.

When the Wizards set out on their four-city tour this week, they boarded their flight for the same type of trip — hoping to find out a little more about themselves.

It didn't help that Caron Butler's hip injury meant they were down to one active starter from last year's playoff team when they got off the plane.

The Wizards (14-47) came out attacking the basket Wednesday in Oklahoma City — something that interim coach Ed Tapscott has pleaded with them to do more — but still lost, 88-83.

"I keep pushing to make it



Washington Wizards guard Javaris Crittenton goes up for a basket against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday. The Wizards lost, falling to 14-47 this year.

### ROAD WOES

A look at how the Wizards have fared away from home the last five years:

SEASON	RECORD	PCT
2004-05	16-25	.390
2005-06	15-26	.367
2006-07	15-26	.367
2007-08	18-23	.439
2008-09	4-25	.138

## 991 MILES

The distance the Wizards have to travel to face Minnesota on Monday night.

evolve, but I can't make inexperienced players who only have 60 games of NBA experience into guys that have 1,000 games of experience," Tapscott said.

Washington will next play back-to-back games against Southwest Division foes San Antonio (Friday) and Dallas (Saturday) and will then fly 991 miles north to take on Min-

nesota on Monday night before finally heading home.

It's the type of trip NBA teams do a half-dozen times a year. But this year, most of the young guys in the Wizards' rotation are being relied on to carry heavy minutes during whirlwind road trips for the first time.

In a way, the more grueling the last 21 games of the season are, the better prepared these Wizards youngsters will be next season. The logic: Guys learning how to get hammered, how to play defense and how to run an offense for 30 minutes in a hostile Western Conference arena will be better prepared for their 12-minute roles if all goes according to plan next season.

In a perfect world, every minute young Wizards like Dominick McGuire, JaVale McGee and Nick Young log now will help next season when Washington will likely add four starting-caliber players — the injured Gilbert Arenas, Brendan Haywood, DeShawn Stevenson and a likely top-five draft pick — to the crew they're currently putting on the floor.

The worst-case scenario for next year: what you're currently watching. "Every night will be difficult for us until we learn how to be able to play consistently," Tapscott said.

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## In Brief

### BASEBALL

#### A-Rod Has Torn Labrum; Surgery May Be Avoidable

Alex Rodriguez has a torn labrum in his right hip, but the New York



Rodriguez

Yankees think he can avoid surgery. Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said that if surgery is needed, Rodriguez would be sidelined for four months. Earlier on Thursday, ESPNdeportes.com reported that Rodriguez's brother, Joe Dunand, said the slugger was going to have surgery with a projected 10-week recovery time. (AP)

### NATIONALS

#### Forearm Plagues Hill

Shawn Hill was scratched from his scheduled start against the Detroit Tigers on Thursday because of right

forearm tightness. The right-hander was to be examined Friday by Dr. James Andrews, Nationals manager Manny Acta said. (AP)

### REDSKINS

#### Washington Adds Punter

The Washington Redskins have signed veteran punter Dirk Johnson. Johnson has played seven seasons with New Orleans, Philadelphia, Chicago and Arizona. He struggled with the Cardinals last year, ranking near the bottom of the league in average (41.8) and net average (35.2) before he was cut with four games remaining in the regular season. (AP)

### WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

#### Japan Tops China, 4-0

Ichiro Suzuki went hitless Thursday, yet Japan had enough offense for a 4-0 win over China in the opening game of the World Baseball Classic. The defending WBC champions got a two-run homer from cleanup hitter Shuichi Murata in the third inning to defeat a much-improved Chinese team. (AP)



# Terps in a 'Good Position'

Maryland must win at Virginia to keep its NCAA hopes alive

**TERPS MEN'S HOOPS** | Late Tuesday night after Maryland fell to No. 10 Wake Forest, Eric Hayes dutifully answered reporters' questions about the Terrapins and their postseason hopes with one regular-season game remaining.

The long-sleeved black shirt he wore was adorned with the Under Armour logo on the right breast and the 2008 NCAA tournament logo on the left.

The irony? Maryland didn't make the NCAA tournament in 2008. They went into the last game of the regular season at Virginia with 18 wins. They lost. Then they lost in the opening round of the ACC tournament to Boston College and it was NIT time in College Park.

On Saturday, the Terrapins, again with 18 wins and again wearing the unfortunate label of "bubble team," travel to Charlottesville for the season finale. That, Hayes said, is where the similarities end.



Maryland was tripped up by Wake Forest on Tuesday night. The Terrapins are one game under .500 in the ACC entering their regular-season finale against Virginia.

"Last year we lost some games at the end of the year," said Hayes, noting that the Terps ended the 2008 regular season having lost four of five games. "This year we have to win our last game and play well in the ACC tournament. That's the key for us."

Indeed, the Terrapins' season was instantly revived with their defeat of No. 3 North Carolina on Feb. 21. And their confidence has been buoyed further, even in defeat, with feisty showings against Wake Forest and against No. 7 Duke. "You can't be making excuses,"

coach Gary Williams said after Tuesday's game. "You just have to figure out why. We're still in good position."

**"This year we have to win our last game and play well in the ACC tournament. That's the key for us."**

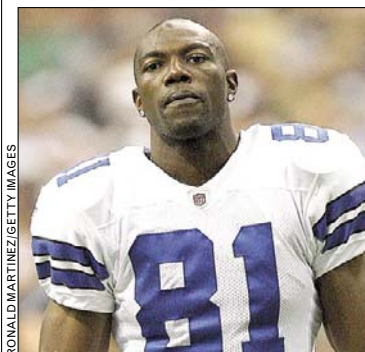
ERIC HAYES, MARYLAND GUARD

Williams, too, is quick to point out the differences between this year's resurgent team and last year's disappointment. Last year, with three senior starters, there was no denying that the Terrapins under-achieved. This year's squad (18-11, 7-8 in the ACC) was disregarded in the preseason predictions and counted out at various points during a tumultuous season. Their tenacity has kept them alive.

"The way we work, the way we go after things," he said. "These guys have had my back all year. They've been tremendous." DEREK TURNER

## Swengali

REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON



The Dallas Cowboys cut Terrell Owens.

## Facts Add Up To Signing T.O.

**FACT: DANIEL SNYDER** has never met a high-priced, big-name free agent he didn't like.

Fact: Despite the signings of Albert Haynesworth, DeAngelo Hall and Derrick Dockery, the Redskins are still not a playoff-caliber team.

Fact: Terrell Owens, cut by the Cowboys late Wednesday, will be a Washington Redskin.

It makes sense. Both sides can deny interest all they want, but Snyder and Owens are a match made somewhere — probably not in heaven, though.

Wouldn't Snyder love to stick it to the Cowboys and Eagles — two of T.O.'s former teams?

Then there is the matter of Washington's biggest weakness last year: the offense. Dockery is a fine lineman and should help protect quarterback Jason Campbell. Yet who is going to put the ball in the end zone?

Santana Moss usually has two or three huge games per year — yet that excessive celebration of a meaningless touchdown in a loss to the Bengals was very T.O.-esque. Maybe the team would prefer the original prima donna. Elsewhere, Antwaan Randle El is a No. 3 receiver at best. Who knows what to make of Devin Thomas and Malcolm Kelly?

Owens will likely get only a one-year deal from any team — that's his lasting power in most cities — so why not the Redskins? The facts point to a conclusion sure to be big news here in the near future.

# Caps Stick With What Has Worked

Team hopes its silence at trade deadline will pay off in the playoffs

**CAPITALS** | The NHL trade deadline came and went this past Wednesday, and unlike many of their Eastern Conference rivals, the Washington Capitals decided not to take part in the flurry of last-minute deals.

Now, the team can once again turn its attention back to the season at hand, which up until a few weeks ago, would have been a welcome proposition.

Heading into Thursday night's tilt with Toronto, the Caps had stumbled to a 4-4 record in their last eight games, including two-straight embarrassing home losses to divisional foes Florida and Carolina, giving up 11 total goals.

In the context of the entire season, those losses appear to be an

anomaly, but with just 17 games remaining in the regular season and another highly anticipated matchup with suddenly surging Pittsburgh looming this Sunday, it has only heightened the anxiety among fans



that the squad isn't quite ready for a Stanley Cup Finals run.

"If I knew the answer, I don't think it would ever happen," said forward Matt Bradley. "It's just a matter of everybody, individually, not being ready to play."

General Manager George McPhee admitted as much Wednesday when he said the team pursued blueliners Chris Pronger of Anaheim and Jay Bouwmeester of Florida at the deadline. Instead of



Sergei Fedorov and the Caps have run into a rough patch in their past eight games.

pulling the trigger, he decided to stick with what has worked — at least up until recently.

"We know we're a good hockey

team still," said forward Brooks Laich. "They were hard to take, but we can't put too much stock into two losses." MARK GIANNOTTO

**Late game:** The Capitals' game against the Toronto Maple Leafs ended after Express' deadline on Thursday. For a full recap | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)

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# Entertainment Weekend

## LOCAL LEGEND

**Back in Action:** After a long hiatus, Butch Warren reprises his role as a staple of the D.C. music scene at Westminster Presbyterian. | 13



**QUASI-HEROES:** Patrick Wilson, Malin Akerman and Jackie Earle Haley star as the costumed crime fighters who inhabit Alan Moore's alternate "Watchmen" universe.

# Faithful but Boring

## The new 'Watchmen' film never rises above its source material

**FILM** | Alan Moore was right. There isn't a movie in his landmark graphic novel "Watchmen" — at least not a really good one. What we get instead is something acceptable but pedestrian, an adaptation that is more a prisoner of its story than the master of it.

The difficulty is not with a lack of fidelity to this dark tale's narrative about an apparent plot to eliminate costumed superheroes from the alternative reality America they've protected and defended. The changes to the story, including updating its 1985 situations to include a subplot about the energy crisis, are so nonessential that you might wonder why Moore has, in addition to taking his name off the project, vowed to "spit venom all over" the film version.

Director Zack Snyder's nonstop public pledges of fidelity to the story notwithstanding, the core of what made "Watchmen" "Watchmen," what turned it into the only graphic



**IT'S CLOSE. TOO CLOSE.** Forget what the comic's writer, Alan Moore, says about the changes in the film's story — it actually remains fairly faithful to the comic book, with only minor plot changes.

novel to land on Time Magazine's list of 100 best English-language novels, is by its nature next to impossible to re-create on-screen, even with a running time of 2 hours, 41 minutes.

To be fair, on the other hand, "Watchmen's" plot is in no way chopped liver and reverentially sticking to the source material, as the first "Harry Potter" films did, is the only thing that gives this film what watchability it has.

The story, as scripted by David Hayter and Alex Tse, begins, as all good mysteries do, with a murder. A man named Edward Blake, otherwise known as the

superhero the Comedian (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), is brutally killed in October 1985, and lots of people want to know why. This murder takes place in an alternative uni-

**'Watchmen' is more a prisoner of its story than a master of it.**

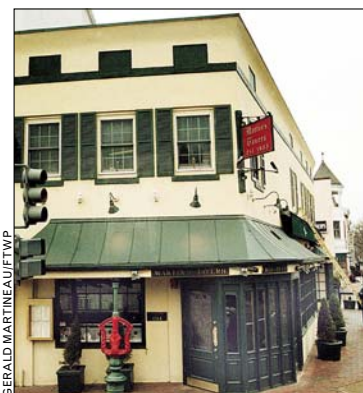
verse very much like our own but with key differences. Richard M. Nixon is an American president in both, but in the "Watchmen" world he's been elected to five terms. This universe has a tradition of masked crime fighters. A group of them banded together in the 1940s as the Minutemen, and another group, the Crimebusters, was formed decades later.

It's hard to fault anyone for this "Watchmen's" disappointments. It's not a wasted opportunity; it never should have been turned into a film in the first place. KENNETH TURAN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



**Got Plans?**

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**While I love D.C., I find the city to be somewhat lacking in pubs. Any suggestions other than the Dubliner?**

I ran into an English friend of mine last night, and we had a very similar conversation. His take, as an Englishman who's lived in the D.C. area for years, is that the Four Courts is the most English pub in the area. The answer, I think, is Martin's Tavern, which I could see being somewhere in London, with its old paintings and crooked bar counter. Martin's is a D.C. treasure.

→ *Ireland's Four Courts, 2051 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-3600. (Courthouse)*

→ *Martin's Tavern, 1264 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-7370.*

**The "Mom and Dad, meet my boyfriend" dinner is going to be happening soon. I needed suggestions on dinner — Mom is vegetarian, and the rest of us eat chicken and fish. D.C. or Arlington is fine.**

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# Entertainment Weekend



Local musician Butch Warren, pictured here in the 1960s, is back on the scene.

## SATURDAY

Wait, wasn't Mardi Gras just last week? And we're already gearing up for St. Patrick's Day? Faith and begorrah! While we don't have to worry about green beer quite yet, the annual Leprechaun Lap bar crawl will be turning downtown streets into a giant roaming party. Nine bars — including **MACKEY'S**, **RUMORS**, **JAMES HOBAN'S** and the **BLACK ROOSTER** — are offering food and drink specials from 1 to 9 p.m., followed by a late-night party at **STEVE'S BAR ROOM**. Start at Mackey's between 1 and 6 p.m., where you'll pay \$10 for a wristband if you bring two cans of food for the Manna Food Center. (It's \$13 if you don't. Do the right thing.) Then travel the crawl however you want, getting \$2 Miller Lites, \$3 Peronis and other discounted drinks. While bars inevitably get loud and crowded, these crawls can be good ways to meet new people and be social while not dropping a lot of cash — and helping the less fortunate — so, we heartily endorse them. Besides, if Rumors is too packed, you can always head to the Front Page, Madhatter or Singapore Bistro for some breathing room.

The Hometown Heroes welcomes guests from Our Neighbor to the North this month, as DJs Pope and Oji headline the late-night throwdown at the **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ASSOCIATION CLUB-HOUSE** on Georgia Avenue. The duo — known to their moms as Brian Pope and Oji Morris — are heroes to Baltimore's deep and soulful house scenes, and have been around since the early '90s. They hosted a weekly dance music show on Morgan State's WEAA radio station (88.9 FM) for more than a decade. They also run the Poji record label, which features some of the city's top talents, and they've DJed countless parties throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. They're joined in the main room by fellow Charm City veteran Lovegrove, who runs the late-night Sonic Soul parties at 1722 and other venues. Downstairs, there's a heavy change of pace, as Version Sound and King Selassie I provide dub and dancehall pressure. The 18-and-over party is one of the longest in D.C.; it runs from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Admission is \$10 before 1 a.m. and \$15 after.

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## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

## FRIDAY

On Fritz's iPod right now, there are at least a half-dozen jazz albums featuring the propulsive, pulsing bass of Butch Warren. Maybe you've heard some of them: "Go" and "A Swinging Affair" by Dexter Gordon, Herbie Hancock's "Takin' Off" with the now-standard "Watermelon Man," pianist Sonny Clark's "Leapin' and Lopin," Donald Byrd's "A New Perspective," and the sprawling Hank Mobley collection "Straight No Filter." All are classics of Blue Note Records' '60s heyday and all are anchored by D.C. native Butch Warren. Then, in the middle of the decade, his credits just disappear. Warren, who's struggled with heroin addiction, left New York and came home. He spent the next few decades dealing with homelessness, hospitalization for paranoid schizophrenia and group houses, interspersed with periods when he's been a fixture at Twins or Columbia Station. Everything seems to be going well for Warren

now, and he's headlining the weekly concert at **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** in Southwest, along with longtime friend and supporter Peter Edelman and sax player Knud Jensen. Admission is \$5, and if you get there early, a soul food supper will be served at 6 p.m.

If you love rare funk and soul music from the '60s and '70s, you've got Funky16corners.wordpress.com in your top bookmarks. (If you haven't, get over there as soon as you finish reading this.) Blogger Larry Grogan is on a never-ending quest for crazy Philly soul, psychedelic boogaloo, straight-up dance floor-filling madness, rare and amazing records that contain covers of "Maggie May" and "Lady Marmalade" — and that's some of his posts in the last two weeks. Then, after unearthing these gems, Grogan shares the MP3s with the world. Amazing. Here's the thing: If his blog and his podcasts are that good, imagine what he's like as a DJ. Find out tonight at **DAHL-AK**, where Grogan and cohort DJ Prestige are joining DJ Nitecrawler for a very special edition of Moneytown, Nitecrawler's monthly soul-stravaganza. If they don't blow the roof off the joint, then congratulate Dahlak's owners on having the most structurally sound building in D.C. They never charge a cover.

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**CORALINE** (PG, 100 minutes) The movie, adapted from Neil Gaiman's enormously successful book of the same name, follows 11-year-old Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning), whose wish to replace the adults in her life leads to a nightmarish experience in a parallel universe. Director-writer Henry Selick doesn't reach for the kind of universality that would enrich the movie. It's a shame, because Fanning's performance is the movie's most emotionally persuasive element. (DT)

**CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC** (PG, 112 minutes) Is Rebecca Bloomwood the embodiment of irresponsible consumerism? Absolutely, which makes the timing of the film either genius or fatal, but two things weigh in its favor: One is Isla Fisher; the other is that the film is oblivious to its own gravitas. (JA)

**HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU** (PG-13, 132 minutes) As the protagonists rehearse the movie's core philosophical questions, they wind up making a text of the subtext that lies just under the surface of most romantic comedies: romantic complaint. Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) throws herself headlong into every relationship she's in. Janine (Jennifer Connolly) has a husband, Ben (Bradley Cooper), who is distant when they talk about what color to paint a room, while Beth (Jennifer Aniston) has a boyfriend, Neil (Ben Affleck), who refuses to get married. The film isn't a movie as much as a destination; it's the movie equivalent of a quick mani-pedi, with pleasures that go just about as deep and last just about as long. (AH)

**THE INTERNATIONAL** (R, 116 minutes)

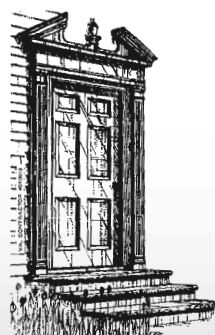


**TWEENS REJOICE:** If you are one or you have one, go to the "Jonas Brothers" movie.

Clive Owen plays Interpol agent Lou Salinger, a gruff, obsessed loner who for years has been on the trail of a corrupt bank. Now he's working with the Manhattan district attorney's office, specifically a comely assistant D.A. named Ella Whitman, played in an unobjectionable if undistinguished performance by Naomi Watts. Directed by Tom Tykwer ("Run Lola Run") with sober forthrightness, the film is in many ways a throwback to the monochrome urban thrillers of the 1970s, with the added and topical twist of having a diabolical financial institution at its center. Garbled at times, the movie still hums along with attractive, smooth

efficiency. The compulsively watchable Owen makes for an ideal leading man of both action and angst. The film's eye-popping set piece, a shoot-out at the Guggenheim Museum, is an extravagantly choreographed valentine to philistines everywhere. (AH)

**JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3-D CONCERT EXPERIENCE** (G, 76 minutes) Youngsters who adore the Jonas Brothers will have fun at this movie. It contains virtually nothing offensive, unless parents are bothered by the mildly sensual style of dance the Jonas boys do onstage or the hilariously Freudian foam spray they aim at their audience in one silly concert bit.



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For parents, here a critic's opinion, for what it's worth: The film is a contrived and commercial bit of nothing. Even the supposedly "candid" moments backstage or in hotel rooms come off as awkwardly staged, with the brothers unable even to fake spontaneity. The brothers seem, sadly, already jaded by their celebrity. The movie is structured around their 2008 "Burnin' Up" concert tour and an album launch. They seem utterly manufactured as personalities. (JH)

**MADEA GOES TO JAIL** (PG-13, 103 min-

utes) Take Madea out of a Madea film, and you have straightforward melodrama. Minus the super-sized, sharp-tongued incendiary matriarch, played in drag by Tyler Perry, the film is a decently made weeper, with the familiar cast of characters from Perry's repertoire: betrayed spouses, fallen women, men struggling to do right and conniving, social-climbing villains in very fine threads. But add Madea into the mix, and Perry's dramas take a strange, postmodern twist, mixing genera and tone, and leaving reality in uncertain circumstances. In Tyler Perry's newest outing, a big-hearted prosecutor (Derek Luke) struggles to save an old friend (Keishia Knight Pulliam) from life

on the streets, only to be thwarted by his jealous fiancée (Ion Overman). Madea's perennial struggles with the law grow more serious, and she finds herself doing hard time. (PK)

**TWO LOVERS** (R, 108 minutes) In James Gray's quiet, unadorned romantic drama, Joaquin Phoenix is his old, clean-shaven self as Leonard Kraditor, a troubled young man who has moved back in with his parents in Brighton Beach. Torn between a gorgeous if unstable shiksa goddess (Gwyneth Paltrow) and the nice Jewish girl (Vinessa Shaw) his mom and dad are clearly crazy about, Leonard ultimately has to decide which self to express: the romantic but doomed artist

or the settled but thwarted family man. Movies have visited this terrain before, from "The Graduate" to last year's wonderful "Mamma's Man." But the film has its pleasures, too, even if Paltrow seems wildly out of place in a drama committed to adamantly un-starry realism. The movie's chief value is to preserve Phoenix at the height of his wary physical grace, which recalls a young Marlon Brando. (AH)



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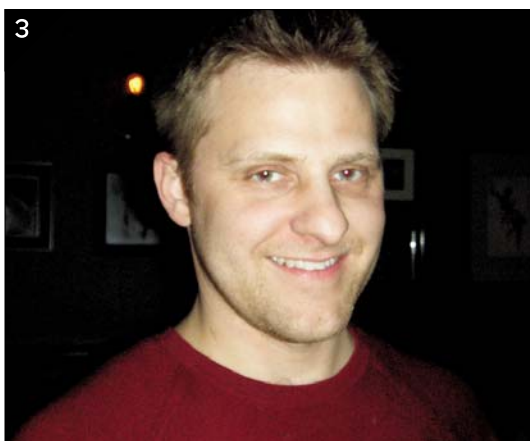
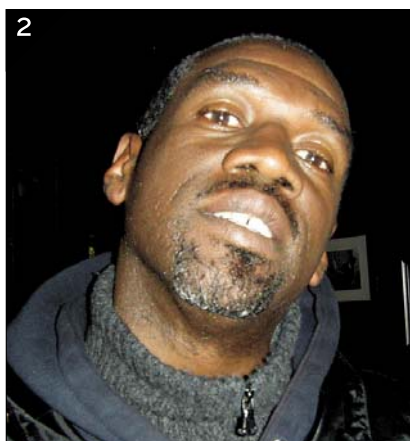
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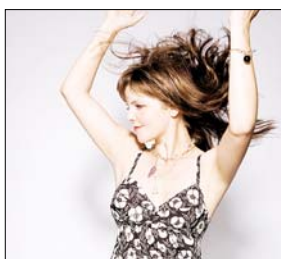


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→ Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Fri., 6:30 p.m., \$25-\$120; 202-628-3200. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

## Fresh Fruit

Kimya Dawson became famous on the indie scene as part of the Moldy Peaches and hit the world stage as the woman behind the soundtrack of the quirky hit Juno." Her songs range from poetic meditations on life and femininity to sweet, quirky love songs. Her voice isn't exactly one for the ages, but she's a wonderful lyricist, and it's not like Bob Dylan could sing either, Judgey McJudgerson. F.Z.  
→ Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., \$13; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)



## 4 Happy Go Loopy

Most of us can't multitask without our brains turning into mush. But singer-songwriter Theresa Andersson has mastered playing the drums, dulcimer, guitar and violin with double loop pedals. Barefoot. Her performance of "Na Na Na" on YouTube is astonishing. This one-woman band moved from Sweden to New Orleans in 1990 and credits her rhythmic style to the region. She's recorded with the likes of Allen Toussaint. NICOLE OCRAN  
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## 2 The Fab Three

Remember the first time you saw "A Hard Day's Night" and how you couldn't stop smiling for days afterward? Prepare to repeat that: "Three Resurrected Drunkards," by Japanese director Nagisa Oshima, above, has the same kind of exuberant, weird spirit. F.Z.  
→ Freer Gallery, Meyer Auditorium, 1200 Jefferson Drive SW; Fri., 7 p.m., free; 202-633-3030. (Smithsonian)

# top stops WEEKEND



## A Permanent Fixture

Ani DiFranco has come a long way from busking on the streets of Buffalo at the age of 9. Known for her folk-inspired rock, the Grammy-winning musician has released more than 21 albums. She sings about politics, feminism, modern culture and — like all poets — love, love, love. Her image as an angry-at-the-inequality-of-the-world songwriter has mellowed as she's grown older, but she's still a crusader for social justice in her life and her music. B.A.  
→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m., \$40; 202-393-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

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## Wind Up the Clock, Then Wind Down

AH, THE ILLUSTRIOUS daylight-saving time. Having trouble remembering whether you're springing forward or falling back? You're hardly alone. Here's a hint: It's time for you to turn your clock an hour ahead — on March 8 at 2 a.m., to be exact. So, night owls, you might want to refrain from swigging more Red Bull and opt for a more mellow evening. Grab your pals and head out to a local hookah lounge to wind down with a water pipe. It'll be worth that lost hour of sleep.

Guarapo's (2039 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-6500) has an assortment of ceviche-style appetizers for a nice light meal — from the lime-juice marinated mushrooms with hearts of palm (\$8) to a citrusy Yellowfin tuna (\$10). Sip their delicious red sangria (\$7) while blowing smoke rings from flavored tobacco (\$20).

Strolling around Alexandria instead? Then Zikrayet's Z-Lounge (540 John Carlyle St.; 703-838-2008) is the stop for you. You'll find a variety of traditional Middle Eastern tapas, such as the kibbe nayeh (fresh raw lamb with crushed wheat and spices, \$8) to enjoy between your shisha sessions (\$15).

D.C. denizens: Prince Palace (1042 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-1500) offers a variety of flavors (\$15). If you're tired of the same old kebab options, order a side of kafta mashwi (\$15) — ground beef mixed with herbs and vegetables — to nibble on. Snacks are key. We'd hate to discover your shorter night went up in smoke. NICOLE OCRAN



# Television

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

### PHYSICAL BREAKDOWN

On **TERMINATOR: THE SARAH CONNOR CHRONICLES** (8 p.m., Fox, Fri.), Cameron (Summer Glau) suffers technical difficulties at the worst possible moment.

### HAIR-RAISING LIFE

**TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY** (9 p.m., E!, Fri.) profiles hair band sensation turned reality star Bret Michaels.

### GET OUT OF TOWN

Jason looks into a new opportunity far from Texas on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

### DISCO DANCIN'?

The decade that brought us leisure suits, singles bars and recycling is recycled on **70S FEVER** (9 p.m., History, Fri.).

### TIGERS AND SCARES, OH, MY

Scheduled on two installments of **20/20** (ABC, Fri.): Seigfried and Roy (9 p.m.), consumer scams (10 p.m.).



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The artist formerly known as "the Rock" (aka Dwayne Johnson) hosts "SNL."

### WORKING TO IMPRESS

Drew Barrymore, Chace Crawford and Mario Batali appear on **LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON** (12:35 a.m., NBC, Sat.).

### DRAMA FROM HER MAMA

An adoptive parent tries to protect her

**MORE HEROISM:** Despite speculation fueled by a ratings decline, NBC plans to bring back "Heroes" next season, said Angela Bromstad, NBC's prime-time entertainment president. NBC plans to order 18 to 20 episodes of the show, which stars Masi Oka, right.



**CRUELTY** (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat.), directed by the Coen brothers.

### ROCK-SOLID SHOW

Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Ray LaMontagne.

### WHALE WATCHING

Tom Selleck narrates **KINGDOM OF THE BLUE WHALE** (8 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.), featuring rare footage of the world's largest mammals, and their migratory and breeding habits.

### THE SAGA CONTINUES

Bill wants Roman charged on **BIG LOVE** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

### CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG

Bree discovers Orson's secret on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (9 p.m., ABC, Sun.).

### METH MAN

In **BREAKING BAD** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.), entering its second season), Bryan Cranston ("Malcolm in the Middle") turns



Bryan Cranston is back on the second-season premiere of "Breaking Bad."

in a remarkable performance as Walt White, a high school chemistry teacher afflicted with a series of misfortunes that rival those of the Old Testament's Job.

### ETHNIC NEIGHBORHOOD

The guys plan a gig in New York's Little New Zealand district on **FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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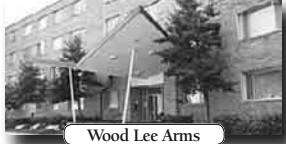
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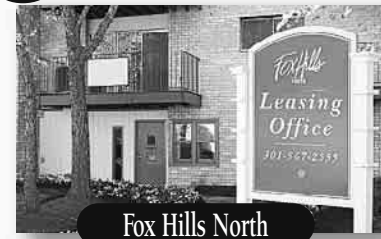
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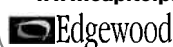
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## Nostalgia

### Mattel stops making discs of tourist spots for the View-Master

Amber LaPointe's introduction to one of the country's greatest tourist attractions came from small square pictures on a white wheel.

"It was like you could look into a world away," said the 28-year-old from Toledo, Ohio. "My only image of the Grand Canyon was from the View-Master."

**“The whole summer I was 5 years old ... I traveled the world via View-Master.”**

MARY ANN SELL,  
VIEW-MASTER COLLECTOR

The iconic reels of tourist attractions, often packaged with a clunky plastic viewer and first sold to promote 3-D photography, are ending their 70-year run after years of diminishing sales.

Collectors such as Mary Ann Sell of Maineville, Ohio, are dismayed.

"The whole summer I was 5 years old, before I went to school, I traveled the world via View-Master. It was great, and now kids won't have the opportunity to do that," said Sell, 57, who owns more than 25,000 scenic reels.

The discs are no longer a good fit for the Fisher-Price division of toy maker Mattel Inc., a spokeswoman said, and the company stopped making them in December. Fisher-Price, based in East Aurora, N.Y., will keep making better-selling reels of Shrek, Dora the Explorer and other animated characters, spokeswoman Juliette Reashor

said in an e-mail.

Peering through a View-Master at images shot from the top of the CN Tower in Toronto or the rim of the Grand Canyon could induce vertigo. Elvis Presley's "jungle room" at Graceland is even on a reel.

Mark Finley, general manager of View-Master scenic reels distributor Finley-Holiday Films, insisted the souvenirs — which inventor William Gruber debuted with backing from a postcard company in 1939 — still can appeal to children.

But Clinton Brown of Columbus, Ohio, who will turn 4 on Sunday, gave the View-Master a clear thumbs down. "It's boring," he said.

Toy industry analyst Sean McGowan with Needham & Co. said View-Master has been declining since the 1960s and 1970s.

"That's not what the kids are looking for in the backseat of the car," he said. "They're looking for a DVD that plays on the back of Daddy's seat."

# Reel Relics

**LESS THAN  
\$10M**

The estimated total revenue generated by View-Master products each year.

**\$6B**

**Overall revenue** Mattel earned in 2008. It stopped making scenic View-Master reels in December.

**\$13**

**The price of** a View-Master set at Yellowstone National Park, where 8,000 sets are sold per year.

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**SOUVENIR SCENES:** View-Master collector Mary Ann Sell loads a reel into a viewer at her home in Maineville, Ohio, in 2007.

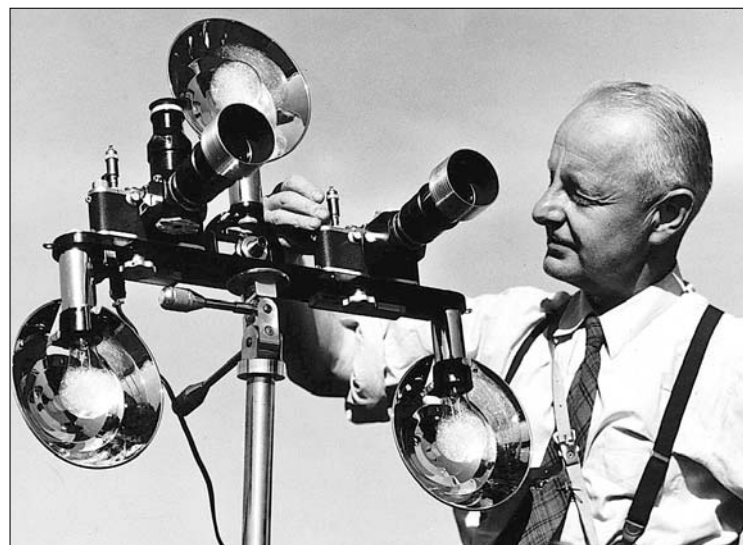
McGowan estimated View-Master brings in less than \$10 million a year, compared with overall revenue of \$5.92 billion for Mattel in 2008. Finley said the shops at Yel-

**Peering through a View-Master at the Grand Canyon could induce vertigo.**

lowstone National Park sell 8,000 View-Master sets each year for up to about \$13 each.

McGowan found the scenic discs' cancellation sad but not surprising.

"When I was a kid, everybody I knew had a View-Master, so you could sell [the reels] everywhere," said McGowan, 48. "Hardly anybody has it anymore." DOUG WHITEMAN (AP)



**3-D SHOT:** View-Master inventor William Gruber takes pictures in an undated photo.



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## MUSIC

## From the Sea

When Irish singer-songwriter Lisa Hannigan was a part of Damien Rice's band, she often garnered almost as much adoration as he did. Now that she's out on her own and playing at the 9:30 Club on Sunday, Christopher Porter spoke to Hannigan about her solo debut, "Sea Saw." | ONLINE NOW



## TELEVISION

## Meth-od Acting

Though AMC may have a more popular hit with "Mad Men," Roxana Hadadi says that "Breaking Bad" is more addictive: A chemistry teacher deals meth to save money for his family after he learns he's dying from cancer. The new season starts Sunday. | ONLINE NOW



## SOUND BETS

## New Music

Check out the latest videos from Lil Wayne, Death Cab for Cutie, Skeletonwitch, Wayne Wonder, Hit the Lights, Cannibal Corpse, the Gaslight Anthem, Maria Taylor, the Black Lips, Cancer Bat, Roysopp and more. | ONLINE NOW



## poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

## SHOULD CONGRESS SET UP A TRUTH COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION?

NO 60%

YES 40%



**"A truth commission** sounds eerily Stalinist and won't be after the truth, merely a political game. Congress held hearings on the matters, and it should continue to do so."

**COMMENTER TIM**, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD CONGRESS SET UP A TRUTH COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION?"

**"The U.S.** is obligated, under international and domestic law, to hold people accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity."

**COMMENTER LM**, WHO ADDED, "THE TRUTH COMMISSION PROPOSED BY LEAHY, WHICH WOULD GRANT IMMUNITY TO CERTAIN OFFICIALS, DOESN'T MEET THOSE OBLIGATIONS."

**"If we do not** expose and prosecute the crimes committed, we are giving our tacit approval. Expose everything, so that history will not repeat itself."

**COMMENTER PMMJ**, WHO ADDED, "MAKE SURE LAWMAKERS AND THEIR CRONIES KNOW THEY WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE."

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# Blog LOG

"After all, if it can happen to Plaxico Burress and a Starbucks barista [on U Street], it can happen to you and your loved ones."

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**"This is promising.** When it comes to remakes and adaptations, I'm not one to obsess over faithfulness to the source material."

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**"I just couldn't justify** spending \$800-plus on a pair of shoes. I felt physically ill thinking about it. And I didn't think they fit my life; I don't do anything that fabulous to wear those shoes."

**THEARTOFACCESSORIES.COM** TURNED DOWN AN OFFER FROM HER HUSBAND TO BUY A PAIR OF CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN HIGH HEELS WHILE VACATIONING IN LAS VEGAS.

**"WHAT IS IT ABOUT** this time of year? It seems as though when spring nears, men are out and on the hunt and they tend to be young 20-somethings. I have been approached by and/or gone out with several of them. Given that I'm in my 30s, I do feel the need to set boundaries. I won't go out with anyone under 25."

**CITYGIRLDC.BLOGSPOT.COM** IS NOT SURE WHAT TO THINK OF THE ATTENTION, ADDING, "WAIT — AM I NOW A COUGAR?"

## Discussions

## Local Report

Washington Post Metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday to discuss a later start time for Fairfax schools, Metro bag searches and development near Nationals Park.



**I saw an article in The Post a couple days ago about how Fairfax County's considering starting school later and some students are complaining about that. As a former Fairfax County student who developed depression in part from all the pressure, I would have appreciated a little more shut-eye. I've been amazed to see a late backlash from some students against the proposed later start times.**

What was remarkable and cheering about the grassroots push for later starts to the school day was the fact that parents and students were working together with teachers and social scientists to get the bureaucrats to do right by the kids. Now to see some of those kids getting cold feet because their after-school activities might have to adjust is just bizarre.

**Marc, did anyone actually get searched on Metro yet? I'm asking because, in spite of all the signs and hullabaloo, I have yet to actually see any searching of bags. If they aren't going to actually do it, can we get them to take the signs down? Otherwise, we've fallen into comedy again.**

After that whole constitutional debate, Metro still contended that it needed the ability to search bags, but to this day, it said it hasn't

felt the need to actually use that authority. Every time I've checked in, they say they just haven't done any searches yet.

**Have they made any progress on building up the infrastructure anywhere near the ballpark? I'll be at the home opener and just wanted to know whether any bars/restaurants are open for pregame festivities?**

None, zippo, zilch. Development in the ballpark area has been frozen by the recession. You will see the same pits in the ground and empty surface lots, with the sole exception of the building above the Metro station a block from the stadium. That office building is supposed to be nearing completion.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Join Post Metro columnist John Kelly as he chats about the Washington that doesn't make front-page headlines at noon. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

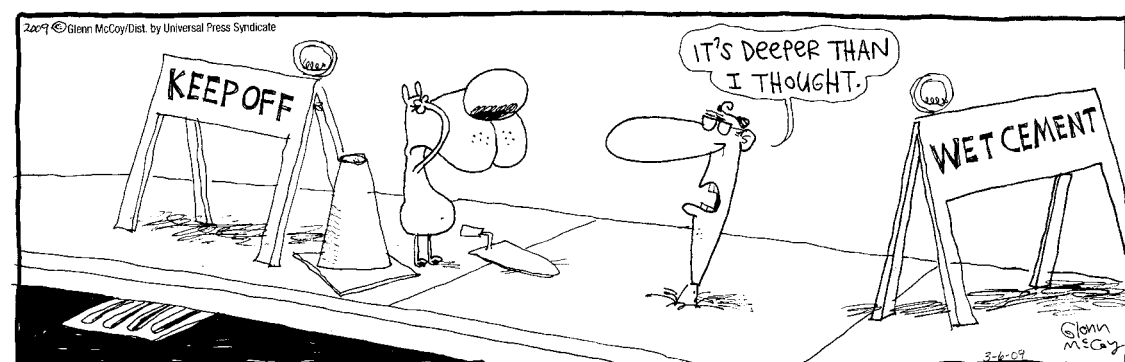


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## Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



## The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



# Horoscope

**PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20)** An early start can yield some surprising results. You'll want to keep an accurate tally of the gains you score at this time.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** The unusual may be quite usual all day long. Late in the day, you'll have reason to dig deep into your bag of tricks in order to progress.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A past association can prove quite valuable to you once more, as a shared goal brings you and a former ally back together for a time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You're in for a surprise if you expect to go about your business with no intrusions and no distractions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't come across in a manner that drives people away. Be courteous, realistic and gracious.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You'll have a chance to demonstrate your own unique way of

getting something done. Soon, others will be likely to follow suit.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The stars are not likely to forgive a late start or any kind of carelessness. Make sure that you're doing things the way they should be done.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You've been so eager to see a loved one progress recently that you've been putting your own desires on a back burner. That can change.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Proceed carefully and according to plan. If you don't have a plan, it's time to formulate one as quickly as possible.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may be approaching some dangerous territory at this time, either literally or figuratively. Are you ready for what lies ahead?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're sure to be surprised by what someone has to offer. You may want to rethink your own strategies and make subtle changes.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You and a friend may find yourselves at cross-purposes for a time, but you can both be back on track before nightfall. Communicate.



Reenactors fire rifles in front of the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, March 6, 2002.

## Today in History

**2000** Three New York City police officers are convicted of conspiring to cover up an officer's role in the 1997 precinct house sodomy attack of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima, who had a broken broomstick rammed into his rectum.

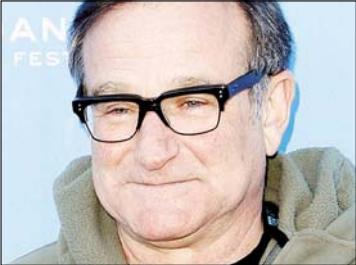
**2006** Several cats test positive for the deadly strain of bird flu in Austria, and Poland reports its first outbreak of the disease, as the World Health Organization calls bird flu a greater global challenge than any previous infectious disease.

**1836** The Alamo mission in San Antonio, Texas, falls to the Mexican army after a 13-day siege in which Davy Crockett and 186 other defenders die.

**1922** The U.S. prohibits exports of arms to China.

**1998** The U.S. House of Representatives votes to let Puerto Rico decide in a referendum whether to remain a territory or become an independent nation or a state.





Williams felt short of breath this week.

ILLNESS  
Comedian Robin Williams  
In Need of Heart Surgery

**ROBIN WILLIAMS** needs heart surgery and must cancel the remainder of his one-man comedy show, “Weapons of Self-Destruction,” his publicist said Thursday. The 57-year-old actor needs an aortic valve replacement, Diane Rosen said. (AP)

BORING  
Celebrity News Sans Drama,  
Divorce or Legal Measures

**PAUL MCCARTNEY** and **RINGO STARR** are teaming up for a concert in New York City. The former Beatles will headline the Radio City Music Hall concert on April 4 for the David Lynch Foundation. (AP)

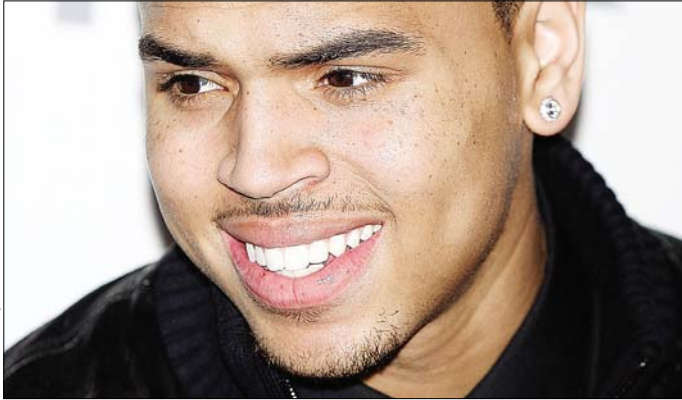
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PRAYER  
Bless This Mess

**MICHAEL JACKSON** returned to the spotlight Thursday after eight years marked more by scandal than by song and told a crowd of screaming fans that he would play a series of London engagements — his first concerts since 2001. Wearing his trademark sunglasses and a silver-embroidered jacket, the King of Pop said his series of shows in July will be his “final curtain call” in London. (AP)



TROUBLE  
Chris Brown Charged

**CHRIS BROWN** was charged Thursday with two felonies stemming from what police describe as a brutal argument between Brown and his girlfriend, **RIHANNA**, provoked by her discovery of his text message from another woman. The singer remains free on \$50,000 bail. (AP)

IN CHARACTER  
'Crashing Your  
Own Wedding  
Is Tough, but  
I'll Manage'

According to Usmagazine.com, actor and comedian **VINCE VAUGHN** is engaged. Weeks after Us Weekly reported that the actor, 38, proposed to Canadian real estate agent Kyla Weber, her father



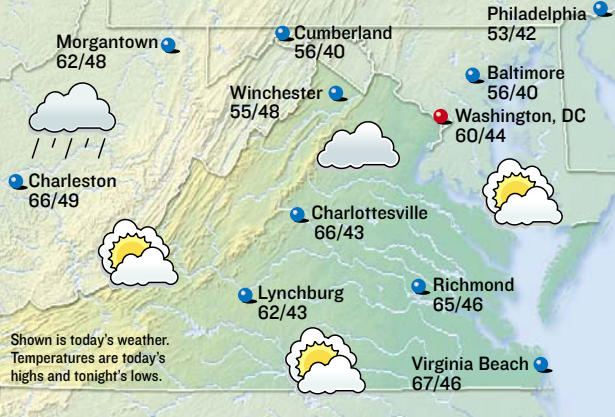
Vaughn is mastering the role of uninvited guest of honor.

confirmed the news Thursday in an interview with the Montreal Gazette. He declined to comment any further. “They clicked from the beginning,” a pal recently told Us of the couple. (EXPRESS)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny and warmer	Very warm with clouds and sun	Partly sunny and warm	Cloudy, rain possible; cooler
60°	44°	68° / 49°	75° / 51°	70° / 44°	55° / 36°

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.  
**Temperature**  
High ..... 50°  
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Normal low ..... 34°  
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Normal month to date ..... 0.56"  
Year to date ..... 3.53"  
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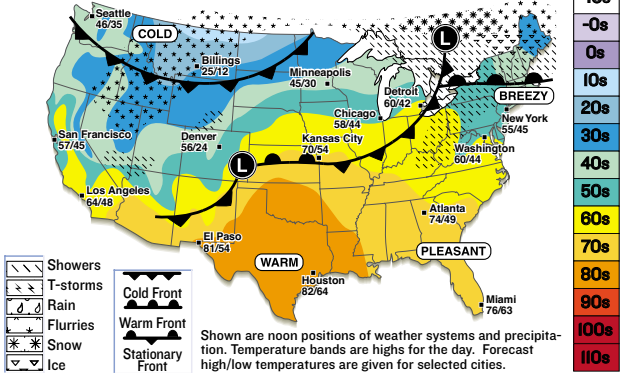
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly cloudy, warmer. High 60. Wind southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 44. Wind southwest 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 6:33 a.m.  
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Moonset today ..... 3:36 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 6



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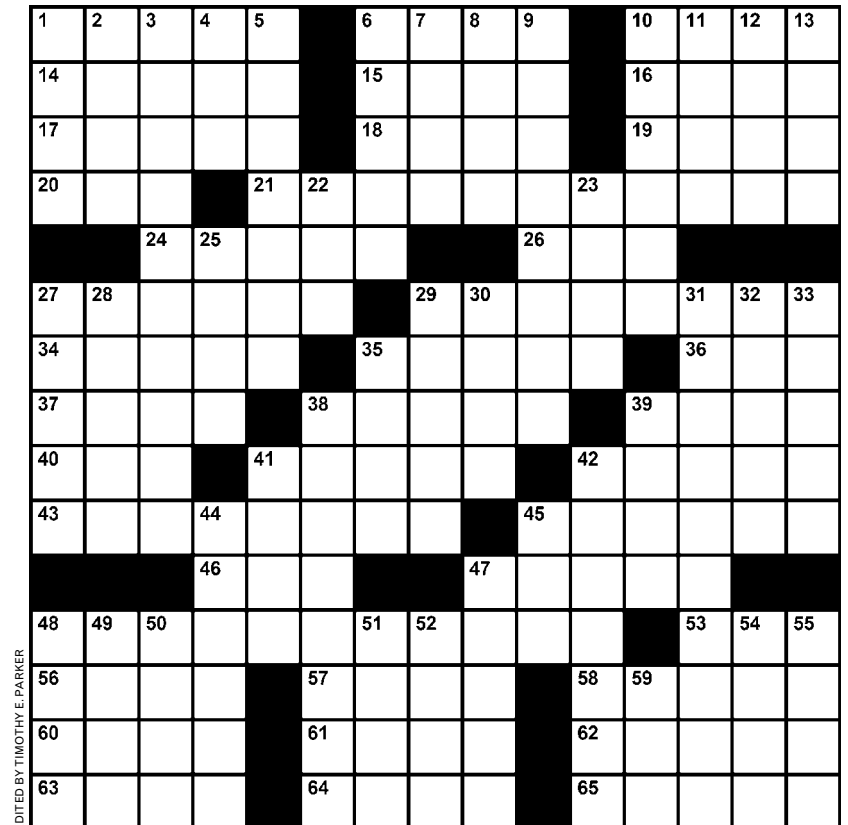
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Denver	56/24/pc	44/21/c
Honolulu	79/67/pc	79/67/pc
Los Angeles	64/48/pc	64/48/s
Miami	76/63/s	80/66/s
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Seattle	46/35/pc	45/34/c

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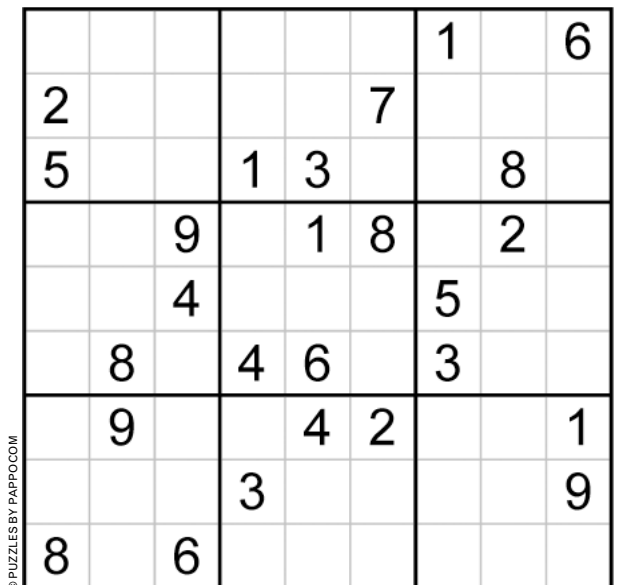
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Rome	54/41/c	55/41/pc
Sydney	79/61/s	81/63/pc
Tokyo	48/43/r	54/39/c

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■ **Don't know** Ted Gibson? Just wait. The hairstylist to the stars — who's coiffed celebs from Anne Hathaway to Demi Moore — has just opened his first D.C. salon in Hela Spa's Chevy Chase outpost (5481 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 301-951-4445). He's also expanded his hair care line to Target and will start selling fuss-free tress extensions on QVC later this month.

**Your salon in New York is famous for great cuts. Why choose D.C. as the site of your second outpost?**

I always think about new markets where I can make a difference, and it made sense to be in D.C. It may be a little bit conservative, but there are definitely women here who want to be modern and current.

**What would you consider to be your defining traits as a hairstylist?**

My beauty mantra is, "Beauty is individual." One thing about my salon in New York is that it's multicultural, in the respect that you can be sitting next to a black woman next to a white woman next to an Indian woman. It's a new thought process in the way a salon operates.

**What can a client expect when she sits down for a cut from you?**

Well, my haircuts are \$950. One of the reasons I charge that much is that, usually, when you go a high-profile hairdresser, you're passed around through many different people. In my salon, you're with me for the entire hour and a half.

**Does that \$950 get me more than a cut? A diamond, maybe?**

I give advice on beauty in general. If I make a big change to your hair, I'm going to recommend a different lip color or even a different style of clothes that will show off the haircut. The whole look should work together. When I do a red carpet event for



COURTESY OF TED GIBSON SALON

## Ted Gibson

CELEB HAIRSTYLIST, D.C.'S NEWEST STYLE GURU

Annie Hathaway, Gabrielle Union or Debra Messing, I'm always thinking of that as well.

**So, what's the trick for getting gorgeous, red carpet-worthy tresses?**

Great hair is all about what's in your bag. A woman probably carries two or three lip colors. I also think it's necessary to have some hair products as well. I make a product called Hairsheet Styling that's the equivalent of a makeup remover towelette. You can rub it on to refresh and restyle between the office and a night out. Another product a girl should never be without is a travel-sized hair spray.

**Really? Hair spray in your purse? That seems so '80s to me.**

The new technology in hair spray makes it so different now. You can get a soft, light control formula — it's not heavy or sticky. A little hair spray is essential because it delivers both body and control.

**Fill us in. What's the biggest trend in hairstyles right now?**

I still think the bob is really strong, but if you've been wearing it straight,

**"Great hair is about what's in your bag. A girl should never be without hair spray."**

then maybe try waving or curling it. That will update the look and add a little soft texture.

**Now that you're in D.C., we have to ask about Michelle Obama's hair.**

I hated when she had the flip, but I think her hair is fine now. I think I'd put a little more texture in it, just a little bit of wave; it's a little too straight as is.

**And what about Barack Obama? Should he do anything different?**

I'd take it a little shorter on the sides and longer on the top. And I'd want to put some color in it, like a dark brown. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)





### 3 Beetle Mania

**LADYBUGS, SO BENEFICIAL** in a vegetable garden, can now fly away home to the kitchen via clever, stackable plastic mixing bowls (\$30, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544). The critters' spots turn into non-slip rubber feet; their "heads" serve as handy grips. By all means, use these cuties to whip up a grasshopper or shoofly pie.

## 4

### Baubles And Chain

**THE QUICKEST WAY** to update your spring wardrobe is by wearing one of the season's big, bedecked necklaces, which add a dose of quirky charm and bright color sans any of those early spring "Will I freeze if I wear this?" debates. (See: Our attempt this week to pull off a new shorts onesie while traipsing through leftover snow.) We're smitten with Anthropologie's charming chain of oversize felt balls (\$98, Anthropologie.com), which adds instant punch to party wear or plain tees — or, sigh, one last donning of the parka.



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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

**I'm terribly antsy for spring to start. I'm ready for flowers, green grass and warm weather. Out with the March lion; bring in the lamb! Please recommend some spring shoes for me, so I'm prepared.** — YVONNE

■ Manolo says, perhaps in England, or St. Louis, April is the cruelest month, but in Washington, D.C., it is March that breaks the heart with its



alternating warmth and cold. One minute you are looking at the first buds of spring, and the next, sleet is knocking them off the trees and pelting you into the shelter of the nearest federal monument.

But then, it is only natural that Washingtonians should avidly wish for the arrival of spring, for it is in the fullness of that season that the city is at its most beautiful, when the cherry blossoms bloom and the streets are finally cleared of the cars that crashed in the last snow storm of winter.

Of the course, spring is quickly followed by the Washington summer, and the less said about that the better.

As for the springy shoes, the Manolo recommends these super-fantastic, super-fun, patent leather purple skimmers from Belle by Sigerson Morrison (\$244, Zappos.com). They are also available in suitably vernal yellow and green.



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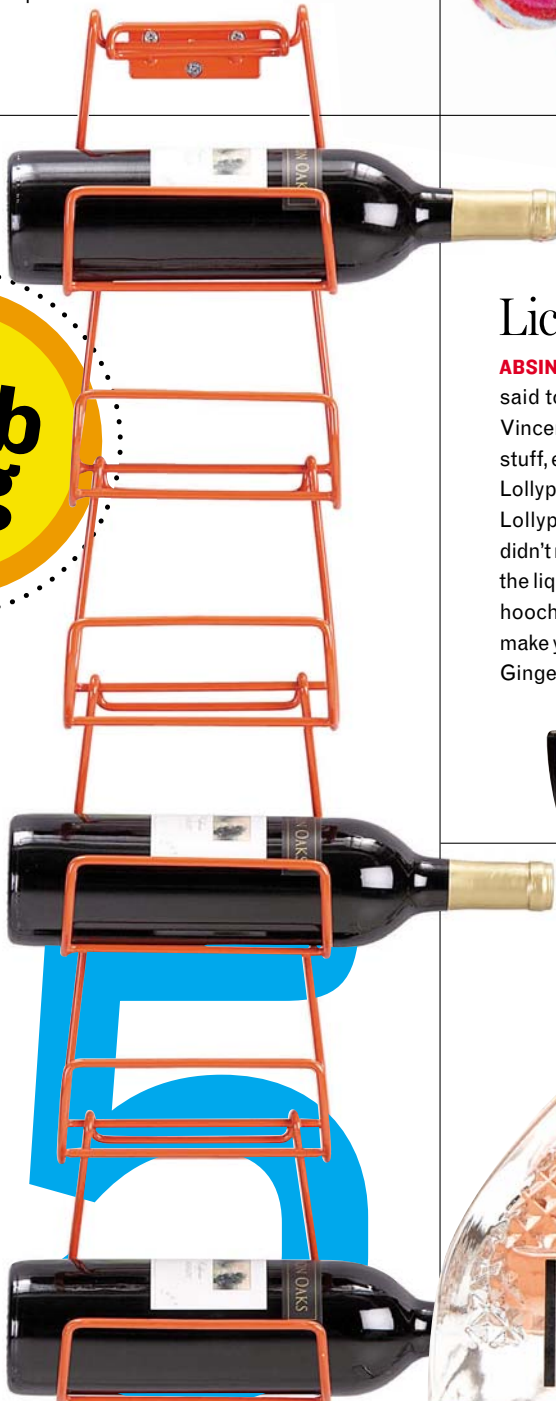
### ON THE COVER

Eva wears a Liquid jacket (\$288) and LAmade rugby striped sweater (\$63, Ginger, 7114 Bethesda Row; 301-664-9242). Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair/makeup, Richard Berna, T.H.E. Artist Agency.

**Grab Bag**

### A Vertical Vino File

**WE HAVE NO** clue where oenophile in chief Barack Obama stores his wine at the White House, but he has space for 1,000 bottles at his Hyde Park home. Still, living in a tiny pad doesn't mean one has to forgo a stash of nice Cabs or Yellow Tail. CB2's industrial-chic wire wine racks (\$35, Cb2.com) hang on the wall and hold half a case of grapey stuff each. Fill a bunch of them, and you can rightfully sing "100 Bottles of Wine on the You Know What" at your next party.



### Licks Get Loaded

**ABSINTHE, THE SUPER-POTENT** green spirit, is said to have driven poets mad — and inspired Vincent van Gogh to slice off his ear. The buzzy stuff, experiencing a rebirth at bars, also stars in Lollyphile's licorice-y candy pops (four for \$10, Lollyphile.com). Licking our way through one didn't result in any hallucinations (which quaffing the liquid form might), but it did seem a little too hooch-infused to slurp on at work. Less liable to make you tipsy is the company's Asian Wasabi-Ginger suckers and Maple-Bacon lollipops.



## 2 Speakeasy Does It

**IF ONE OF F. SCOTT** Fitzgerald's flapper heroines needed a perfume to don while Charlestoning in fountains or slurping bathtub gin, it might smell like the new Valentino (\$80-\$100, Neiman Marcus stores). Retro high notes — magnolia, pear blossom — are modernized by hints of vanilla and mimosa, meaning the stuff won't stink of Great-Aunt Edna. Still, the curvy bottle would be the bee's knees on an Art Deco vanity table.





# Styles | fashion

## SLIM PICKING

Like something Debbie Harry rocked at CBGB, lisli's boyfriend jacket (\$358) dresses up basics such as a Vince V-neck (\$248) and shorts (\$148), Aqua scarf (\$48) and Boutique 9 gladiators (\$138, Bloomingdale's, 5300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase; 240-744-3700).



## SWING TIME

Nanette Lepore's flouncy coat (\$550, Urban Chic, 7126 Bethesda Lane; 301-657-0290) adds instant glam to whatever you wear with it, from jeans to a striped sheath (\$89, Lizclaiborne.com). Shown with scarf (\$88, Rue 14, 1803A 14th St. NW; 202-462-6200).



# THE COAT

The sludgy piles of slush haven't dampened the spring in our step — or our wardrobes. We're fending off the lingering chill with stylish new toppers such as swingy coats, tuxedo blazers and eye-popping trenches that deliver more oomph than a leftover snowball. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



**FINCHED UP**

ruffled hem and fuchsia hue update  
the trench style of this BB Dakota find  
(\$138, Rue 14). Don't be afraid to pair it  
with equally flirty pieces, like Marc by  
Marc Jacobs' frock (\$358) and Juicy  
 Couture's gold platforms (\$160, both  
from Bloomingdale's).

**TOUGH LOVE**

The metal accents on this military  
jacket from Loeffler Randall (\$391,  
Urban Chic) add a bit of biker edge to  
femme separates, like Beth Bowley's  
printed top (\$173, Urban Chic) and  
Maloom's floaty skirt (\$133, Farinelli's,  
2839 Clarendon Blvd.; 703-647-9856).





## A Prized Pair

The couple who won our giveaway really take the cake

Kirsten Kedzierski, 26, and Scot Hinshaw, 34, have yet another reason to smile.

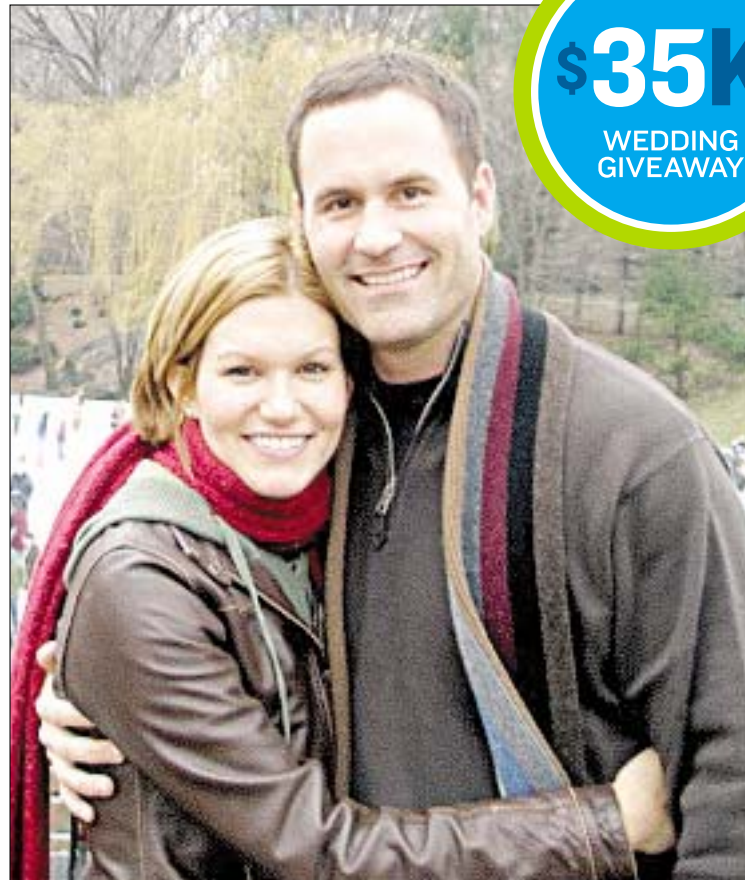
The North Bethesda couple have won Express' third-annual Wedding Giveaway and will take home more than \$35,000 in gift certificates toward their Dec. 5, 2009, wedding. The dress, makeup, flowers, jewelry, cake, planning and Mexican honeymoon will be provided by Express' wedding sponsors; as will tanning services, furniture, cosmetic dentistry, gym memberships, spa treatments, dance lessons and a weekend getaway.

We had a tough time whittling almost 100 worthy entries down to five finalists. And then we handed over the controls to readers. More than 3,500 of them voted, and the couple with the wacky story of how they met scored our grand prize.

We think Kirsten tells it best: "We met in Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica, where we were both attending different weddings. I got Scot's attention unintentionally by scolding preteen boys who disrupted my sunbathing. Nothing says romance like your future wife screaming, 'Hey! You're being obnoxious!'"

The next day at the resort, Scot introduced himself. Kirsten explained she was there to attend a wedding. He said he was, too, and invited her to be his date that night. She declined but says she was intrigued.

"I mentioned to my mother he'd asked me out," Kirsten says. "My



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### TWO OF HEARTS

Kirsten Kedzierski and Scot Hinshaw of North Bethesda have won \$35,000 in gift certificates toward their Dec. 5, 2009, wedding and reception.

mom marched over to where he was hanging out, and said, 'Hi, I'm Mary. I'm sorry my daughter is a dumbass. She'll go with you.'

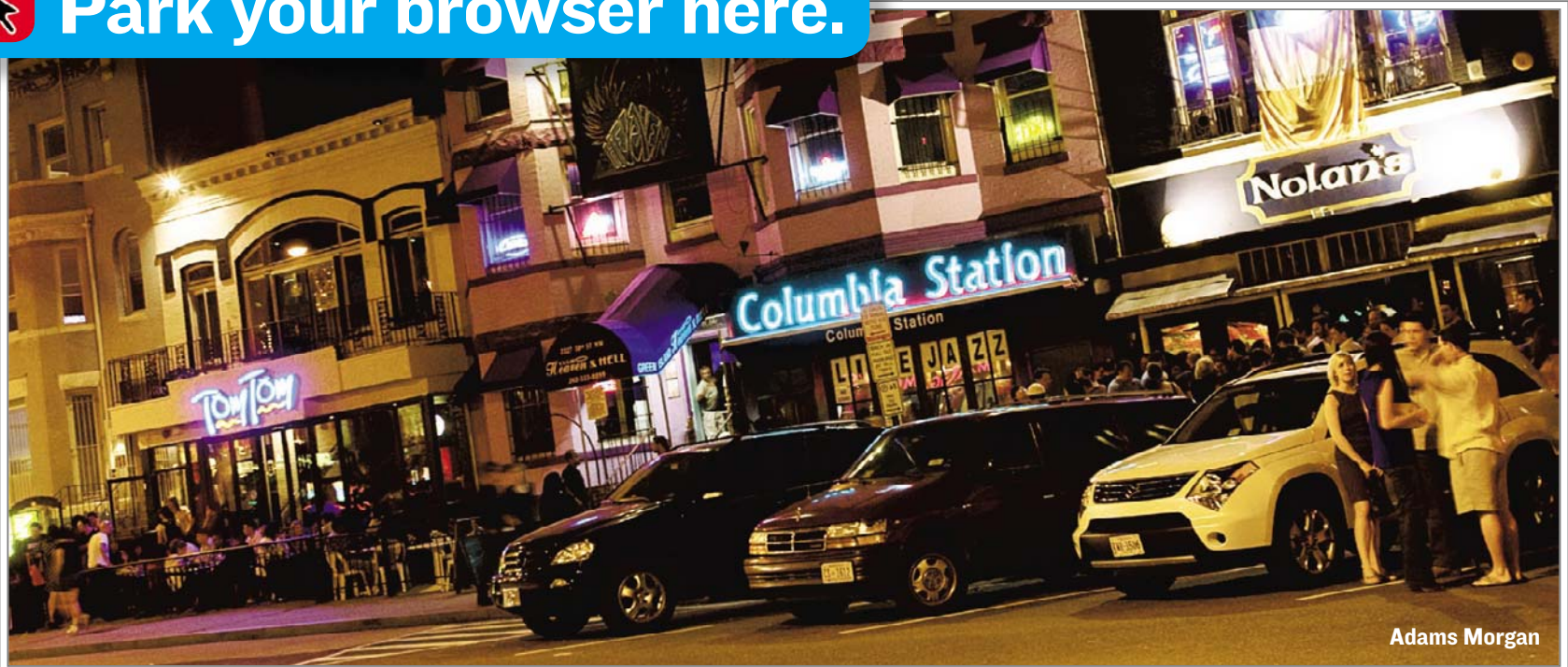
In the end, Kirsten didn't attend the wedding, but she did have a drink with Scot that night. When they exchanged e-mail addresses, she thought nothing would come of it. After all, he lived in D.C., and she was from New York City.

When Scot e-mailed her the next day, Kirsten surprised herself by suggesting he join her for the Yankees game that weekend. Kirsten advises: "Don't ever tell anyone you have Yankees tickets unless you absolutely do. I sold my soul to the devil for them, but the rest is history."

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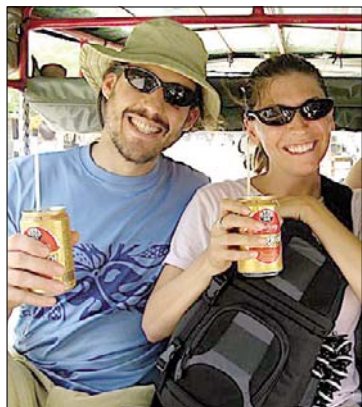
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# B.I.O.

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## Heather Angotti, Chad Blevins

Heather, 31, is a media relations specialist at Arnold & Porter LLP. Chad, 30, is a data specialist in the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance for USAID. They live (and were born and raised) in Vienna, Va.

- **The Main Event:** On June 20, the couple will wed at a historic farm in Middleburg, Va., with the Blue Ridge Mountains as the backdrop.
- **How They Met:** In Ms. Sinclair's first-grade class at Flint Hill Elementary School in Vienna, Va., 24 years ago. Chad says: "Whenever Ms. Sinclair made us

line up alphabetically by last name, I'd always stand near her." Heather says: "Chad obviously had cooties at the time." They were reunited in 2001 when Chad attended a party at Heather's place and they recognized each other.

- **First Date:** A Redskins game.
- **How He Proposed:** On April 22, 2008 — his 30th birthday — Chad took Heather by surprise. After dinner with his parents, they returned home, and Chad told Heather he wanted to spend the rest of his life with her. "I've been smiling from ear to ear ever since," she says.
- **Honeymoon:** Heather and Chad are planning an adventure in Oregon, full of wine tasting and staying at B&Bs.
- **Stupidest Fight:** The couple admit they don't really fight often, but Heather says they don't always agree on where to set the thermostat. "He likes to save energy and keeps it pretty damn chilly."

"Whenever Ms. Sinclair made us line up ... I'd always stand near her."



## Lunch, Love at First Sight

In 1999, freshmen **SHAWN WESTLEY**, 28, and **PEGGIE ARNZELLIQUE SMITH**, 27, saw each other across a cafeteria on the Florida A&M University campus. Peggie says: "Every time I looked up, I kept catching eyes with a guy a few tables down."

Shawn had noticed, too. "During this lunch," he says, "I felt eyes burning a hole through me." Their connection was certain, although they dispute their introduction. He swears when he got up to leave, Peggie was already at the doorway. She remembers it differently: "When I got to the exit, he was standing there."

They do agree on Shawn's opening line. Peggie says: "Ironically, his first words to me were, 'Will you be my wife?' We talked a little, and I gave him my number." Shawn called the next day and left a message but not his digits. "About a month later, I saw him at a Valentine's Day dance," Peggie says. "I told him that was no way to treat his wife, and he laughed. We've been inseparable ever since."

They will marry April 11 at a Baptist church in Arlington.



## Eric Guder, Alison Senger

Eric, 30, is a clinical psychologist. Alison, 24, is a legal assistant at the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in D.C. The couple will live in Arlington after they are married.

- **The Main Event:** The couple will marry May 23. They've invited 120 guests to join them for a formal Catholic Mass at a church in Alexandria. An informal reception at a farm in Gaithersburg will follow the ceremony. "We will play putt-putt golf and possibly Ultimate Frisbee," the bride-to-be says.
- **How They Met:** They were introduced last year by a mutual friend at an Easter Vigil party at Eric's place in Springfield.
- **Her Dress:** An ivory lace gown. Alison's excited about her shoes, "the

"I made him a birthday cake and tried to flambé it. I set the table, carpet and my hand on fire."

## Laurel Kemper, Duke Kennedy

Laurel, 26, is a project manager for nonproliferation programs at the U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation. Duke, 29, is a project engineer at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. They plan to live in Rockville after their wedding.

- **The Main Event:** The couple will marry May 9 in the bride's hometown, Boise, Idaho. During the Christian ceremony, they will stand on the same special

rug that Duke's parents and grandparents stood on when they got married.

- **The Proposal:** On Oct. 30, 2008, near the end of a vacation in Austria, Duke took Laurel to an elaborate dinner at Zum Schwarzen Kameel, a historic Viennese restaurant in operation since 1618. "They sat us in the middle of the dining room," Lauren recalls, "and our waiter walked us through the chef's menu of pigeon and



veal knuckle. After the first of five courses, Duke asks me if I would make him the happiest man on Earth. Of course, I said yes and tried to remain calm as he gave

me his grandmother's ring and told me how much he loves me."

- **Honeymoon:** The couple have selected a familiar spot: Duke's family's cabin in Maine. "I love being on the edge of the ocean, enjoying the waves on the rocks," he says. "It's very peaceful, just like the state slogan, 'The way life should be.'"
- **Making it Unique:** "We will have an arrangement of two long tables at the reception to make the dinner more feast-like," Duke says. "We hope that our wedding favors will be unique. We're considering CFL light bulbs and potassium iodide tablets."



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most fabulous Christian Louboutins ever — they were not only the last ones in my size but on sale for 65 percent off!"

- **Wedding Jitters:** Fire. "It's kind of our thing," Alison says. "The night we met, there was a bonfire. When I hosted Eric's 30th birthday, I made him a cake and tried to flambé it with Everclear. I set the table, carpet and my hand on fire. Also, several of his neighbors were 'impressed' by my leaf pyrotechnics this fall."

- **Mmmm, Cake:** Eric's mom, a professional baker, will make the couple's four-layer dessert.



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